

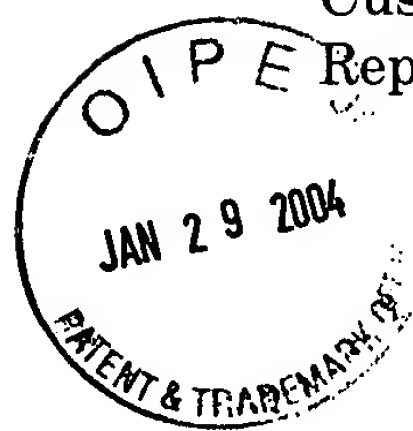
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For: BULK VESSEL FEEDER

Art Unit: 1743

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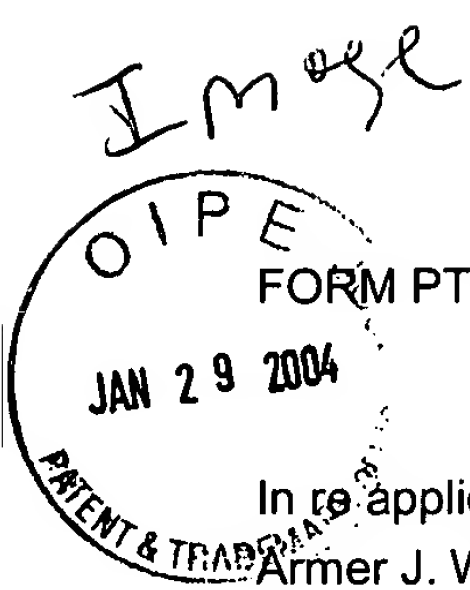
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Dear Sir:

Further to our Amendment filed on December 23, 2003 and in response to the Office Action dated January 16, 2004, enclosed herewith are the same amendments to the claims as previously filed. However, we have corrected the claims appropriately with the proper status identifier as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.



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